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2 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

3 The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
4 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 * * * Legislative Intent * * *

6 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

7 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$122,767,376.00
8 authorized in this act, not more than \$56,445,325.00 shall be appropriated in
9 the first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the
10 second year.

11 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
12 biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
13 act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
14 Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
15 indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

16 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

17 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings
18 and General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds
19 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however,
20 no project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on

1 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are
2 notified before that action is taken.

3 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024:

4	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,001,244.00</u>
5	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
6	<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>
7	<u>(4) Bennington, Battle Monument, construction of safety fencing:</u>	
8		<u>\$500,000.00</u>
9	<u>(5) Brattleboro, courthouse, roof replacement:</u>	<u>\$2,750,000.00</u>
10	<u>(6) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master</u>	
11	<u>plan, design, and decommissioning:</u>	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
12	<u>(7) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	
13		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
14	<u>(8) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,725,000.00</u>
15	<u>(9) Montpelier, 133 State Street, Office of Legislative Information</u>	
16	<u>Technology, renovations:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
17	<u>(10) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:</u>	
18		<u>\$1,300,000.00</u>
19	<u>(11) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
20	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
21	<u>(12) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>

1	<u>(13) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
2	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
3	<u>(14) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
4	<u>(15) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
5	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:</u>	
6	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,500,000.00</u>
7	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
8	<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>
9	<u>(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master</u>	
10	<u>plan, design, and decommissioning:</u>	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
11	<u>(5) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	
12		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
13	<u>(6) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,900,000.00</u>
14	<u>(7) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, planning and</u>	
15	<u>construction for the boiler replacement:</u>	<u>\$3,500,000.00</u>
16	<u>(8) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
17	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,750,000.00</u>
18	<u>(9) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$4,000,000.00</u>
19	<u>(10) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
20	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
21	<u>(11) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>

5	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$22,376,244.00</u>
6	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$25,275,000.00</u>
7	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	<u>\$47,651,244.00</u>

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of
Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the
following projects described in this subsection:

20	<u>(3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,</u>	
21	<u>and construction for upgrades and replacements:</u>	\$700,000.00

10	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
11	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$16,200,000.00</u>
12	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 3</u>	<u>\$16,500,000.00</u>

14 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
15 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
16 in this subsection:

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1 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
2 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described
3 in this subsection:

4 (1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites: \$500,000.00

5 (2) Underwater preserves: \$46,000.00

6 (3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:
7 \$25,000.00

8 (4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund: \$25,000.00

9 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$596,000.00

10 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$596,000.00

11 Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$1,192,000.00

12 Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS

13 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 for the Building
14 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

15 (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,
16 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant
17 Program: \$300,000.00

18 (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,
19 Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant
20 Program: \$325,000.00

(2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development,
Division for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant
Program: \$325,000.00

12	<u>(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the</u>	
13	<u>Recreational Facilities Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>

17	<u>(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human</u>	
18	<u>Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):</u>	
19		\$150,000.00

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1 (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale
2 rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of
3 restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects,
4 and three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$3,750,000.00

5 (2) Open access recreational infrastructure and State forests and
6 recreational access points: \$768,863.00

7 (c) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects
9 described in this subsection:

10 (1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance
11 and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,878,632.00

12 (2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the
13 Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

14 (d) The sum of \$2,207,901.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
15 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
16 State's match to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the drinking
17 water supply.

18 (e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
19 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
20 following projects:

1 (1) Infrastructure rehabilitation, including statewide small-scale
2 rehabilitation, wastewater repairs, preventive improvements and upgrades of
3 restrooms and bathhouses, statewide small-scale road rehabilitation projects,
4 and three-acre stormwater rule compliance: \$3,250,000.00

5 (2) Open access recreational infrastructure and forest park access roads:
6 \$670,000.00

7 (f) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
8 Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects
9 described in this subsection:

10 (1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance
11 and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,344,150.00

12 (2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the
13 Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

14 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$7,597,081.00

15 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$7,497,051.00

16 Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$15,094,132.00

17 Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

18 (a) The sum of \$2,202,019.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
19 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

20 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
21 Natural Resources for the following projects:

1 (1) the Clean Water State/EPA Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) match
2 for the Water Pollution Control Fund: \$332,981.00

3 (2) municipal pollution control grants: \$4,000,000.00

4 (c) The sum of \$550,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
5 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for
6 forestry access roads, recreation access roads, and water quality improvements.

7 (d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont
8 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

9 (A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

10 (B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

11 (2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:

12 (A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,
13 subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water
14 quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and

15 (B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient's cost-share
16 requirements.

17 (e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
18 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for
19 clean water implementation projects.

20 (f) On or before December 1, 2023:

1 (1) The Clean Water Board shall review and recommend Clean Water
2 Act implementation programs funded from subsection (e) of this section.

3 (2) The Board shall submit a report with the list of programs
4 recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on
5 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to
6 the Governor for the FY 2024 capital budget adjustment report. The report
7 shall include a recommendation on whether funds appropriated to the Clean
8 Water Fund, established in 10 V.S.A. § 1388, may be used for municipal
9 pollution control grants in FY 2025.

10 (g) In FY 2024 and FY 2025, any agency that receives funding from this
11 section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are
12 capital eligible.

13 <u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$9,885,000.00</u>
14 <u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$6,000,000.00</u>
15 <u>Total Appropriation – Section 10</u>	<u>\$15,885,000.00</u>

16 Sec. 11. MILITARY

17 (a) The sum of \$1,251,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the
18 Department of Military for maintenance, renovations, and ADA compliance at
19 State armories.

4	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,251,000.00</u>
5	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,064,000.00</u>
6	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 11</u>	<u>\$2,315,000.00</u>

8 (a) The sum of \$1,200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the
9 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Agriculture,
10 Food and Markets for major maintenance at the Vermont building of the
11 Eastern States Exposition.

15	<u>(1) Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory Heat Plant,</u>	
16	<u>construction:</u>	\$1,040,000.00

19	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,200,000.00</u>
20	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$2,540,000.00</u>
21	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 12</u>	<u>\$3,740,000.00</u>

5 (b) The sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department
6 of Public Safety for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
7 project described in subsection (a) of this section.

8	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	\$125,000.00
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9	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	\$125,000.00
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10	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 13</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
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11 Sec. 14. VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION BOARD

12 (a) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Vermont
13 Housing and Conservation Board for housing and conservation projects.

14 (b) The sum of \$1,800,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Vermont
15 Housing and Conservation Board for the project described in subsection (a) of
16 this section.

17	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
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18	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
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19	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 14</u>	<u>\$3,600,000.00</u>
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2 (a) The sum of \$260,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2024 to the Department
3 of Buildings and General Services for the Vermont Veterans' Home for
4 maintenance at the Veterans' Home.

7 (1) an emergency generator and boiler plant replacement:

9	(2) elevator upgrade:	\$1,000,000.00
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11 (c) For the amounts appropriated in subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(3) of
12 this section, on or before January 15, 2024, the Veterans' Home shall submit a
13 report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
14 Committee on Institutions on the status of expended funds and an anticipated
15 timeline of when any remaining funds will be expended.

17	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 15</u>	<u>\$5,990,000.00</u>
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19 Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

1 (a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings
2 and General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures
3 authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

4 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.
5 19(a) (Veterans' Home, replace nurse call system): \$14,668.72

6 (2) of the amount appropriated 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.
7 19(b) (Veterans' Home kitchen upgrade): \$13,522.98

8 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.
9 2(b) (various projects): \$365.00

10 (4) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.
11 17 (Veterans' Home kitchen renovation and mold remediation): \$21,493.59

12 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
13 2(b) (various projects): \$65,463.17

14 (6) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
15 2(b)(9) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage): \$134,937.34

16 (7) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,
17 Sec. 1(c)(5) (major maintenance): \$93,549.00

18 (8) of the amount appropriated in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 160,
19 Sec. 9(g) (Roxbury Fish Hatchery): \$6,175.00

20 (9) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec.
21 2(b)(13) (108 Cherry Street, parking garage): \$1,736,256.55

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(5) of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,

Sec. 11(c)(1) (forestry skidder bridges): \$3,600.00

1 (f) Of the amount appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec.
2 17(a)(2) (committee room chairs), the sum of \$2,006.46 is reallocated to
3 defray expenditures authorized in this act.

4 (g) The following sums appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home
5 are reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in this act:

6 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
7 Sec. 16(a) (resident care furnishings): \$88,835.00

8 (2) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,
9 Sec. 16(c)(resident care furnishings): \$49,914.00

10 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190,
11 Sec. 11 (security access system): \$92,794.00

12 Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 16 \$14,767,376.32

13 Sec. 17. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

14 The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the
15 amount of \$108,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of
16 this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall
17 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this
18 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.
19 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or
20 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this

1 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to
2 32 V.S.A. § 954.

3 Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00

4 Sec. 18. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024

5 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

6 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance
7 of general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the
8 Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

9 (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain
10 capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but
11 appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. It
12 is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY 2024 Appropriations Act
13 appropriate funds to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in
14 FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process set forth in
15 subsection (e) of this section.

16 (c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following
17 capital projects are authorized as follows:

18 (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
19 spend \$400,000.00 for planning, reuse, and contingency;

20 (2) Barre, McFarland State Office Building, roof replacement and brick
21 façade repairs: \$1,700,000.00

1 design for the replacement of the women's correctional facility and reentry
2 facility;

3 (11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
4 spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
5 design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization
6 facility;

7 (12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
8 spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
9 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

10 (13) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
11 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
12 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

13 (14) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
14 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
15 design of the Rutland Field Station;

16 (15) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
17 spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
18 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental
19 Laboratory Heat Plant;

20 (16) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
21 spend \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

1 (17) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$6,000,000.00
2 for construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or
3 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure
4 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green
5 Hall and Vail Hall;

6 (18) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
7 \$9,800,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State
8 match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water
9 State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund;

10 (19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
11 \$4,500,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
12 Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;

13 (20) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
14 \$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
15 Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning
16 advances for feasibility studies;

17 (21) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
18 \$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
19 maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest
20 State Park; and

1 (22) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
2 \$800,000.00 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure
3 maintenance and improvements of the Department's buildings, including
4 conservation camps.

5 (d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to
6 appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the
7 intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive
8 funding from the Fund:

9 (1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
10 Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

11 (2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

13 (3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
14 General Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120
15 State Street in Montpelier;

16 (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
17 General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
18 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

19 (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
20 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
21 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

1 (6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
2 General Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
3 design of the Rutland Field Station;

4 (7) the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for design
5 for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units;

6 (8) the sum of \$500,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
7 Services for the Newport courthouse replacement, planning, and design;

8 (9) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
9 Services for planning for the 133-109 State Street tunnel waterproofing and
10 Aiken Avenue reconstruction; and

11 (10) the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and
12 General Services for the renovation of the stack area, HVAC upgrades, and the
13 elevator replacement at 111 State Street.

14 (e) Recommendation. On or before December 15, 2023:

15 (1) the Secretary of Administration shall review and recommend capital
16 projects to be funded from the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b; and

17 (2) the Secretary of Administration shall submit the list of capital
18 projects recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on
19 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to
20 the Governor for the FY 2025 capital budget adjustment report.

Sec. 19. 26 V.S.A. § 4811 is amended to read:

§ 4811. SAFETY STANDARDS

Minimum safety standards for the conduct of any race covered by this chapter are established as follows:

(1) Each race track shall have a substantial fence of steel wire or plank construction or other barrier not less than three feet high between the track and area designated for spectators. No grandstand shall be constructed or spectators allowed on a curved side of a track unless the barrier, including all walls, fencing, and overhangs, meets the same standards for the straightaway of the track with spectators. For motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile racing, each track shall have a snow fence or other suitable barrier not less than four feet high between the track and the area designated for spectators. The outside portion of all tracks shall be a reasonable distance from the spectators.

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* * * Buildings and General Services * * *

Sec. 20. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

§ 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

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1 (b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted
2 by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the
3 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned
4 by the State. Such property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at
5 public auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of
6 Buildings and General Services, who may reject any or all bids. ~~Notice, or the~~
7 Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent
8 licensed by the State.

9 (2) If the Commissioner elects to sell the property at auction or by
10 sealed bid, notice of the sale or a request for sealed bids shall be posted:

11 (A) by electronic means; or

12 (B) in at least three public places in the town where the property is
13 located and also published three times in a newspaper having a known
14 circulation in the town, the last publication to be not less than 10 days before
15 the date of sale or opening of the bids. ~~Failing to consummate a sale under the~~
16 ~~method prescribed in this section, the Commissioner of Buildings and General~~
17 ~~Services is authorized to list the sale of this property with a real estate agent~~
18 ~~licensed by the State of Vermont.~~

19 (3) This subsection shall not apply to the sale, conveyance, exchange, or
20 lease of lands or interests in lands; to the amendment of deeds, leases, and

1 easements; or to sales of timber made in accordance with the provisions of
2 10 V.S.A. chapter 155 or the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 83.

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4 Sec. 21. SALE OF PROPERTIES

5 (a) 110 State Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
6 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
7 property located at 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier. The
8 Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
9 property.

10 (1) The City's preferential right to purchase the property authorized in
11 this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to
12 the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property within 90 days from
13 the date of the written offer.

14 (2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the
15 property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a
16 written offer to the Commissioner not later than June 1, 2024. In the event the
17 City fails to submit a written offer by June 1, 2024, then the City's preferential
18 right to purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is
19 authorized to sell the property to another party.

20 (b) Stanley Hall and Wasson Hall. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b),
21 the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to

1 subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the portion of land in the Waterbury
2 State Office Complex (Parcel ID # 916-0103.V as designated on the Town of
3 Waterbury's Tax Parcel Maps) that housed the former Stanley Hall and the
4 adjacent parking lot, located at 32 Park Row, and Wasson Hall, located at 64
5 Horseshoe Drive, to the Town of Waterbury.

6 (1) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify, in
7 writing, the Town of Waterbury of the right to purchase or acquire the
8 properties described in subdivision (1) of this subsection provided that the
9 following conditions are met:

10 (A) the Town of Waterbury's Select Board takes a formal action
11 within 90 days from the date of the written offer indicating the Town's interest
12 in purchasing or acquiring the properties; and

13 (B) if the Town elects to purchase or acquire the properties, the Town
14 submits a written offer not later than June 1, 2024;

15 (2) If the conditions in subdivision (1) of this subsection are not met,
16 then the Commissioner's authority to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of
17 the property described in this subsection shall be rescinded.

18 (c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
19 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
20 property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The

1 Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
2 property.

3 (1) The City's preferential right to purchase the property authorized in
4 this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to
5 the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property within 90 days from
6 the date of the written offer.

7 (2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the
8 property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a
9 written offer to the Commissioner not later than June 1, 2024. In the event the
10 City fails to submit a written offer by June 1, 2024, then the City's preferential
11 right to purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is
12 authorized to sell the property to another party.

13 Sec. 22. RELOCATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES; DEPARTMENT OF
14 BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; CITY OF
15 BURLINGTON

16 Prior to the sale of the building located at 108 Cherry Street in Burlington,
17 the Department of Buildings and General Services shall work with the City of
18 Burlington to find another appropriate location in downtown Burlington to
19 relocate State employees who provide client services.

1 Sec. 23. 32 V.S.A. § 701a is amended to read:

2 § 701a. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

3 (a) When the capital budget has been submitted by the Governor to the
4 General Assembly, it shall immediately be referred to the House Committee on
5 Corrections and Institutions, which shall proceed to consider the budget
6 request in the context of the 10-year capital program plan also submitted by the
7 Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The Committee shall
8 also propose to the General Assembly:

9 (1) a prudent amount of total general obligation bonding for the
10 following fiscal year, for support of the capital budget, in consideration of the
11 recommendation of the Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee
12 pursuant to chapter 13, subchapter 8 of this title; and

13 (2) recommendations for capital projects that may be paid for from the
14 Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure and Other Essential Investments,
15 established in section 1001b of this title.

16 (b) As soon as possible, the Committee shall prepare a bill to be known as
17 the “capital construction bill,” which shall be introduced for action by the
18 General Assembly.

19 (c) The spending authority authorized by a capital construction act shall
20 carry forward until expended, unless otherwise provided.

1 (1) All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital
2 construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years
3 prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the General
4 Assembly and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.

5 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, any amounts
6 appropriated in a previous capital construction act that are unexpended for at
7 least five years shall be reallocated to future capital construction acts.

8 (d)(1) On or before ~~January 15~~, November 15 each year, the Commissioner
9 of Finance and Management shall require each entity to which spending
10 authority has been authorized by a capital construction act enacted in a
11 legislative session that was two or more years prior to the current legislative
12 session ~~shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions~~
13 ~~and the Senate Committee on Institutions~~ to submit a report on the current fund
14 balances of each authorized project with unexpended funds. The report shall
15 include plans for the unexpended funds, any projects or contracts the funds are
16 assigned to, and an anticipated timeline for expending the funds.

17 (2) On or before December 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance
18 and Management shall submit in a consolidated format the reports required by
19 subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committee on Corrections and
20 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

1 (e) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall
2 not apply to the reports to be made under subsections (c) and (d) of this
3 section.

4 * * * Corrections * * *

5 Sec. 24. 29 V.S.A. § 170a is added to read:

6 § 170a. DESIGN OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; USE OF EVIDENCE-

7 BASED DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR WELLNESS

8 ENVIRONMENTS

9 The Department of Buildings and General Services shall coordinate with
10 the Department of Corrections on the design and planning for any
11 maintenance, renovation, or construction to a State correctional facility to
12 ensure that evidence-based design principles for wellness environments are
13 incorporated into the design and planning phase of a project.

14 Sec. 25. NORTHWEST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FUNDING
15 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DETAINEES; INTENT FOR
16 BOOKING EXPANSION DESIGN

17 (a) On or before August 15, 2023, the Secretary of Human Services shall
18 request federal funds to support capital construction at the Northwest State
19 Correctional Facility, which houses federal detainees, including U.S.
20 Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. The Commissioner of

1 Finance and Management shall only release the funds appropriated in Sec. 3(1)
2 of this act upon notification from the Secretary that the request was submitted.

3 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of
4 Buildings and General Services shall incorporate into booking expansion
5 design at the Northwest State Correctional Facility:

6 (1) renovations to the HVAC system;

7 (2) enhanced employee amenities, including amenities to address
8 employee health and wellness needs;

9 (3) the use of renewable energy; and

10 (4) the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for
11 supporting trauma-informed practices.

12 Sec. 26. REPLACEMENT WOMEN'S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION
13 PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT

14 (a)(1) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, 2024, the
15 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location
16 proposal for replacement women's facilities for justice-involved women to the
17 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
18 on Institutions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that when evaluating
19 site locations, preference shall be given to State-owned property. The proposal
20 shall consider both co-locating facilities in a campus-style approach for

1 operational efficiencies and the need for separate facilities at different
2 locations.

3 (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending December 15, 2023, the
4 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly status
5 reports on the site location proposal described in subdivision (1) of this
6 subsection (a).

7 (b) Design intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
8 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
9 Commissioner of Corrections, shall incorporate into the design of any
10 women's replacement facility the use of evidence-based principles for wellness
11 environments for supporting trauma-informed practices.

12 Sec. 27. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REPLACEMENT

13 WOMEN'S FACILITIES; REPORT

14 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State's long-term goal
15 and vision for justice-involved individuals includes their reentry into the
16 community through a system of supports grounded in restorative justice
17 principles.

18 (b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Department of Corrections shall
19 submit a written report to the House Committees on Corrections and
20 Institutions and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on

- 1 Judiciary regarding the proposed size and scale of replacement women's
2 facilities. The report shall address the following:
3 (1) proposed allocation of beds in correctional and re-entry facilities;
4 (2) bed types for specialized populations in each facility; and
5 (3) data and rationale used to inform size of each facility.

6 * * * Judiciary * * *

7 Sec. 28. BARRE; WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE;
8 RENOVATIONS

9 On or before September 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Buildings and
10 General Services shall engage the City of Barre on options for renovating the
11 existing Washington County Superior Courthouse or finding a new site
12 location for the building.

13 * * * Legislature * * *

14 Sec. 29. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.3, as amended by 2021
15 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 31 and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 180, Sec.
16 20, is further amended to read:

17 Sec. E.126.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF
18 SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

19 * * *

20 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024,
21 notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other provision of

1 law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties, the Legislative
2 Branch shall have exclusive use of rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270 on the second
3 floor of 109 State Street.

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5 Sec. 30. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE

6 (a) The Department of Buildings and General Services has contracted with
7 Freeman, French, Freeman to develop programming options that will be the
8 basis for a schematic design for the expansion of the State House. The
9 programming options will be finalized in June 2023 and the schematic design
10 in November 2023 when the General Assembly is not in session. It is the
11 intent of the General Assembly to approve the programming option for a
12 schematic design plan for the State House expansion as soon as practicable to
13 allow the Department of Buildings and General Services to begin the design
14 development phase of the expansion.

15 (b) A special committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management
16 Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
17 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (special committee) is
18 hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review,
19 approve, or recommend alterations to the schematic design described in
20 subsection (a) of this section at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative

1 Management Committee meeting. In making its decision, the special
2 committee shall consider:

3 (1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to
4 conduct legislative business;

5 (2) allows for public access to citizens;

6 (3) the financial consequences to the State of approval or disapproval of
7 the proposal; and

8 (4) whether any potential alternatives are available.

9 (c) The special committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as
10 provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

11 Sec. 31. 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 88, Sec. 3a, as amended by 2019 Acts
12 and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 24 and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 23, is
13 further amended to read:

14 Sec. 3a. REPEAL

15 2 V.S.A. chapter 30 (Capitol Complex Security Advisory Committee) is
16 repealed on ~~June 30, 2023~~ June 30, 2024.

17 * * * Natural Resources * * *

18 Sec. 32. REPEAL

19 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 12 (suspension of private loans for
20 clean water projects) is repealed.

19 This act shall take effect on passage.